

forward to working closely with him on priorities for the University and New Orleans. I am confident that his experience and knowledge of Louisiana's higher education and its vital link to our economy will contribute to not only the University of New Orleans, but to our entire State.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the following votes on October 30, 2003, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote 594; I would have voted "yea" on a motion to recommit H.R. 2691, the Interior Appropriations Conference Report.

Rollcall vote 595; I would have voted "nay" on final passage of H.R. 2691, the Interior Appropriations Conference Report. While I appreciate the hard work of the Committee and the funding in this bill that went to important projects in Oregon, I am disappointed that the bill contained significant cuts in the Conservation Trust Fund. I am also opposed to the anti-environmental riders in the bill, especially limits of judicial review in the Tongass and Chugach National Forests in Alaska.

Rollcall vote 596; I would have voted "yea" on H. Con. Res. 302, expressing the sense of Congress welcoming President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan to the United States on October 31, 2003.

Rollcall vote 597; I would have voted "nay" on the martial law rule allowing for the same day consideration of the Iraq supplemental appropriations bill. House rules require a one day layover requirement so members have a minimum amount of time to review the final report before voting on it. It is a travesty that the Republican leadership put this Congress in a position to vote on a bill that spends \$87 billion without adequate review.

Rollcall vote 598; I would have voted "yea" on this motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6, the Energy Bill. The motion to instruct would call on the conferees to abandon a provision allowing the EPA to extend smog standard deadlines for cities beyond the extension already provided for under the Clean Air Act. This provision is outside of the scope of the Conference Report and will result in dirtier air for communities around the country.

Rollcall vote 599; I would have voted "yea" on this motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Bill, to reject premium support.

Rollcall vote 600; I would have voted "yea" on the motion to recommit H.R. 3289, the Conference Report for the Iraq and Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act.

Rollcall vote 601; I would have voted "nay" on final passage of H.R. 3289, the Conference Report for the Iraq and Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Act. I voted against this legislation when it first came before the House and this final conference report still does too little for our troops, too little for Afghanistan, and does not address the problems we are facing in Iraq.

REPUDIATING ANTI-SEMITIC SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED BY DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, OUTGOING PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, Malaysia's Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad made repugnant anti-Semitic statements when addressing the tenth Islamic Summit Conference.

Madam Speaker, I denounce and condemn this statement as dangerous, morally bankrupt and beyond the pale of civilized dialogue. His statement comes directly out of the Hitler playbook, and reflects centuries of anti-Semitism that have led to pogroms and genocide. Jewish, Muslim, or agnostic, black, white, yellow, or pink. We are all appalled by words and actions that spread hatred.

Prime Minister Mahathir has a long history of making unambiguous anti-Jewish utterances and actions and he has time and again identified himself as an implacable enemy of Jews.

Prime Minister Mahathir was an anti-Semite in 1970 when he wrote of the "hook-nosed" Jews. He was an anti-Semite in 1984, when he wouldn't let the New York Philharmonic play a composition by a Jewish musician, and in 1986, when he called Jews "monsters." He was an anti-Semite in 1994, when he banned "Schindler's List" and in 1997, when he attacked George Soros as a Jew robbing his country. And, indeed, he is an anti-Semite today.

In an interview with the Bangkok Post, Prime Minister Mahathir complained that his remarks had been taken out of context. "They picked up one sentence where I said that the Jews control the world," he protested, declaring that the reaction proved "they do control the world."

On the contrary, the reaction of most of the international community reflects the obvious: Prime Minister Mahathir is a bigot; an irresponsible and incendiary, nauseating prejudist.

Nevertheless, it got a standing ovation from the kings, presidents, sheiks and emirs—including key U.S. allies.

I am disillusioned that the moderate voices in the Arab world also remained silent. The Egyptian foreign minister, Ahmed Maher, called the speech "a very, very wise assessment." Asked by the AP whether he thought the speech was anti-Semitic, Afghan President Hamid Karzai said: "I don't think so."

In addition, I am especially outraged by the actions of French President Jacques Chirac and Greek Prime Minister Costas Simitis to block the inclusion of a condemnation of Mahathir's anti-Semitic speech in the official statement of an EU summit.

Mahathir is retiring Oct. 31 after 22 years in power. Good riddance!

RECOGNIZING THE YOUTH SERVICES OF THE TEEN AIDS-PEERCORPS IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the valuable educational services TeenAIDS-PeerCorps has provided for youth around the world. Over 42 million people throughout the world are infected with AIDS, and more than 7,000 children contract AIDS each day. Reports estimate that some 3 million children around the world have HIV or AIDS with an estimated 4,400 infected young adults between 13 and 19 years of age in the United States. Increased efforts to educate teenagers about the methods of transmission and ways to reduce their risk of contracting AIDS have helped to decrease the infection rate.

TeenAIDS-PeerCorps, located in Boston, Massachusetts, was created in 1995 to educate teenagers around the world about HIV and AIDS. By sponsoring programs across the globe and utilizing the Internet, TeenAIDS-PeerCorps has influenced the lives of many youths. Since the inception of TeenAIDS-PeerCorps, almost 135,000 teenagers in 60 countries and 20 U.S. states have been counseled on the dangers of HIV and AIDS. Teenagers are encouraged to share their experiences and learn from their peers about how HIV and AIDS have changed their lives.

For the past 5 years, Dr. John B. Chittick, a resident of Fitchburg, Massachusetts and Executive Director of TeenAIDS-PeerCorps, has been traveling on an international humanitarian effort to increase HIV and AIDS awareness. Dr. Chittick uses open discussion, stop-action improvisation theater, and a comic book to communicate his message to teens. The TeenAIDS-PeerCorps and Dr. Chittick's efforts have positively impacted and educated many youth. I applaud their efforts and urge the TeenAIDS-PeerCorps and Dr. Chittick to continue their domestic and international role as HIV and AIDS educators.

REINTRODUCTION OF JTTF LEGISLATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce legislation that will ensure that local law enforcement is represented on Joint Terrorism Task Forces. It would codify the number of JTTFs for full nationwide coverage. This legislation allows for increased representation of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services and provides for a sharing of federal and local law enforcement between agencies. No portion of our country is immune and no portion should be unprotected.